June 5, 2012

Dear Family and Friends,

A lot has happened in Ireland in the last week. I was in the town of Newcastle West (which is toward the western side of Ireland) from the 24th-30th. While there the team and I would go house to house putting gospel magazines in people mailboxes. Then in the afternoon we would go back into town to do door to door work. Door to door is basically you knock on someone's door (we go in teams of 2) and then you start a conversation trying to share the gospel. It can be very intimidating sometimes, but it's not to bad. On our last day doing door to door in Newcastle West me and my partner Ben were doing door to door work, and we walked up to a door where a lady and a man were talking outside. So we start the conversation with "we're not Jehovah witnesses or selling anything." And lo and behold the lady that was standing there was a J.W. and I was like "oh snap, this will be fun." She was apparently doing door to door work as well. So we debated for a little bit and then while Ben distracted her, I shared the gospel with the guy that was standing there and his wife. All in all it was a good day.

On Thursday, the 31st, we left Newcastle West and started our journey to Waterford (which is located in the southeast corner of the country). On the way we stopped in Killarney and toured Muckross house which is a very nice historical site. We also saw Torc waterfalls, and a beautiful view from Ladies view. From there we went and toured Blarney castle where I kissed the Blarney stone. Finally at the end of the day we made it to Waterford. We are staying in a guesthouse right on the coast of the Atlantic ocean. Since being here we have handed out more magazines, and did open air evangelism in the town square. I got into a few good conversations and had a chance to share the gospel with a few people.

After church on Sunday, I went to a place called Hook's Head and looked at a lighthouse and the tide coming in. It was amazing to see God's creation. Standing on the rocks watching the waves I was reminded of a verse in Job which says, "Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; when I fixed My limit for it, and set bars and doors; When I said 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!'"-Job 38:8-11.

On Monday, we letterboxes in the morning and then did door to door work in the afternoon. My partner and I got into a good conversation with a guy named Marius. He invited us in for tea and coffee and we ended up talking to him for over an hour. He was very open and asked lots of questions and I was able to share the gospel with him. After dinner, the team decided to go jump into the Irish Sea. So i jumped in stayed in for about 20 seconds and jumped out again. The water was around 40 degrees and it was freezing! It was a good time though, and no one died.

Prayer

-Please pray for the people that we have shared the Gospel with- Mary, Samantha, Marius etc.

-Pray for open hearts of the people that we are going to share the Gospel with.

-Pray for continued health and safety.

Thank you again for your prayers!

In Him,

Jen